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by the temporary argeement with the British government. The results to our fishermen would be more than offset by the permanent ill will of the people of Newfoundland, which we would justly incur."—New Orleans Picayune.

"The matter is of more importance than the settlement of the fishing disputes with Newfoundland. There are serious questions pending with England concerning the relations of the United States with Canada. They have been hanging fire for a long time."—Baltimore American.

"Has the British government the right, or does it seriously intend to assert the right to override a Colonial law by a treaty or by that kind of provisional argeement which is known in diplomacy as a *modus vivendi*? The St. John's government is intelligibly incensed at what it regards as a betrayal of its interests and a violation of its rights, and it has assumed toward the mother country an attitude of defiance."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

"This threatens trouble for the fishermen and complication in the relations of the colony and the mother country and of both with the United States, all on account of the refusal of the Senate, out of courtesy to Mr. Lodge as spokesman of the Gloucester fishermen, to ratify a reciprocity treaty which would have been a distinct benefit to both countries and a pledge of good feeling over the fishery and all other questions."—Elmira N. Y., Advertiser.

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BEFORE SUPREME COURT.

Case of Newfoundland Fishermen To Be Heard January 8.

The Newfoundland supreme court at St. John's yesterday fixed upon January 8 for hearing the appeal of the west coast fishermen against the decision of a magistrate, handed down a fortnight ago, fining them \$500 each for violating the bait act by fishing for American vessels within territorial waters. The decision was found in spite of the fact that the *modus vivendi* between Great Britain and the United States guaranteed immunity to fishermen if they shipped outside the three-mile line.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Lottie G. Merchant and M. B. Stetson, bound for Bay of Islands, N. F., were at Louisberg, C. F., last Thursday for harbor.

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ARRIVED TODAY.

Sch. J. Matthis, Rockland for New York.
Sch. Mary E. Lynch, Calais for New York.
Sch. James and Ella, Ipswich for Boston.
Sch. Herbert M. Rogers, Ipswich for Boston.
Sch. Gatherer, Ipswich for Boston.
Tug Sea King, Rockport.
Steamer Leviathan, Boston for Portland, with sand.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 35,000 cod.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 18,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 2000 haddock 600 cod, 700 hake.
Haddock, \$5 to \$6.75 per cwt.; large cod \$4; market cod, \$3; hake, \$2; poll \$2.50.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Cynthia, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

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Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.62 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$1.40; pollock, 95 cts.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.00 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.75.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 to \$4.50 for large, \$3.37 1-2 to \$3.50 for medium and \$2.00 for snappers.

Round pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.

Shore salt herring, \$1.75 per bbl. clear of the barrel.

Eastern "hallbut" codfish, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for small.

Fresh herring \$1.50 per bbl.

Salt dory handline bank cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.75 for medium.

Bank halibut, 13 cts. per lb. for white and 11 1-2 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Hobo, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Valentinna, 15,000 pollock.

Sch. Ralph Russell, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Motor, 18,000 cod, 2000 hake.

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A German engineer claims **KEEPING THE SEA SMOOTH.** to have discovered an efficient method of preventing the violent motion of a ship at sea.

The invention consists of a kind of turbine fitted vertically to the ship's keel. When set in motion the turbine counteracts the ship's tendency to roll from side to side. An old torpedo boat was fitted with the apparatus for a trial trip in rough weather off the mouth of the Elbe. The ship rolled to the extent of nine degrees, but after the turbine was set in motion she only rolled one degree. The result was obtained without any reduction of seaworthiness and the ship's buoyancy was unaffected.

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ARRIVALS ARE SCARCE.

No Vessels from Off Shore for Three Days.

Fishing arrivals have been very scarce since Sunday, not a vessel, with fish, arriving from off shore, since sch. Lizzie Griffin came in Sunday night. Several of the shore market fleet came in for harbor, with no fish and all the fish received here thus far this week has been brought in by the pollockers.

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Sch. Good Luck, shore.

Sch. Thomas W. Knight, shore.

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Salt cusk, \$2.25.

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Bank halibut, 13 cts. per lb. for white and 11 1-2 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sloop Helen D. Low, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Manhasset, 16,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Evangeline, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Jubilee, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Tartar, 8000 haddock, 5000 cod, 8000 hake.

Haddock, \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2; pollock, \$3.60 to \$3.75.

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RECORD PRICE.

Cunningham & Thompson Buy Fare of Sch. Lizzie Griffin.

Trip Brought \$5.25 and \$4.25 for Large and Medium.

The fare of dory handline salt cod of sch. Lizzie Griffin sold to Cunningham & Thompson at \$5.25 per hundred weight for large and \$4.25 for medium. This is the second trip of the Griffin this season and the fare was taken at the Virgin Rocks and were fine fish.

The price, as far as known, is the highest ever paid for a fare of salt bank cod.

BIG HERRING FLEET.

Almost 70 Sail Are Engaged from This Port.

Nova Scotia Firm Would Buy Every Fish Caught.

The New England Newfoundland herring fleet this season is one of the very largest, if not the largest, in the history of the fishery. Already 64 vessels have sailed, 60 from this port and three from Bucksport and one from Eastport. Two more are now fitting here and yet a few others may be hurried away from here if the outlook warrants it. Of this fleet, two, schs. Edna Wallace Hopper and Lewis H. Giles, have been lost. Thus far seven have arrived home with full fares of salt herring, which have met with a ready sale.

Thus far this season six fares of salt herring have been received at this port in British bottoms and at Boston, those arriving here being schs. B. G. Anderson, Mariner, Unique, Maggie Sullivan, Aldine and Lilla B. Hirtle and one at Boston being sch. Beatrice Mack.

Late reports from Newfoundland make this fishery appear as big a gamble as ever and the fact that ice has appeared to the northward of Bay of Islands, up off Labrador causes the possibility of a short season to be impressed on the minds of all. But little frost has been had yet at Bay of Islands, but there has been some ice in the Middle Arm and a sharp frost spell is expected now at any moment.

The vessels which have gone from here this season to Bay of Islands for herring cargoes are schs. Edna Wallace Hopper and Lewis H. Giles (lost), Annie M. Parker, Norma, Arcadia, Ingomar, Constellation, Saladin, Vigilant, Maxine Elliott, Arabia, Smuggler, A. M. Nicholson, Dauntless, Veda M. McKown, Dora A. Lawson, Senator Gardner, Oreogn, Henry M. Stanley, Nourmahal, Harry A. Nickerson, Patri- cian, Judique, Valkyria, Lucinda I. Low- ell, Ralph L. Hall, Titania, Talisman, Georgie Campbell, Independence II., Corsair, Scoptre, Gossip, Arkona, Lena and Maud, Essex, Corona, Tattler, Madonna, Parthia, Richard Wainwright, Avalon, Esperanto, Priscilla Smith, Colonial, Alert, Bohemia, Maggie and May, Helen F. Whitten, Lottie G. Merchant, Aloha, J. J. Flaherty, Ath- lete, Alice R. Lawson, Jennie B. Hodgdon, Margaret and A. E. Whyland of this port, Elizabeth N., T. M. Nicholson, and M. B. Stetson of Bucksport, Me., and Ralph F. Hodgdon of Eastport, Me.

Beside these in the Gloucester list, schs. Maxine Elliott, Ingomar and Smuggler have sailed on second trips and schs. Oregon, An- nie M. Barker, Arcadia and Dora A. Law- son which have arrived home, will also prob- ably go down a second time. Sch. Blanche is also fitting.

The Lunenburg schs. Coronation and Peerless and the sch. Madonna of this port were at North Sydney, C. B., for harbor, on Sunday. The Madonna shipped several fish- ermen there.

At North Sydney, C. B., harbor, Sunday, Capt. William Morrissey and crew of sch. Helen F. Whitten spent the whole day try- ing to recover the anchor which the craft lost during the heavy blow of Saturday, while lying in the stream. It could not be found, so another was purchased and the vessel sailed late in the afternoon for Bay of Islands.

Mr. William Duff, managing director of the Atlantic Fish Companies (limited) of Lunenburg, N. S., has sent the following letter referring to the Bay of Islands, N. F.,

herring fishery, to the editor of the Western Star at that place:

Dear Sir:—I noticed an article in the Glou- cester Daily Times of the 19th November, commenting on and endorsing an article in a late issue of your paper entitled "The Prem- ier Enforces His Jail Policy."

It is not my intention to discuss the Newfoundland government's policy or posi- tion or the modus vivendi, but as you ap- pear on behalf of your readers—to think that Sir Robert's stand on this question will be detrimental to the best interests of the fish- ermen of Bay of Islands, I consider it my duty, as well as a pleasure, to inform you that no such dire results as you anticipate are likely to happen.

The sentence in your editorial which I take exception to reads as follows: "Sir Robert cannot get rid of the idea that jail or starvation are the only needs of the Bay of Island fishermen."

I would infer from the foregoing, as well as the whole of the editorial referred to, that you are afraid that if the Gloucester vessels are stopped from hiring Newfoundland fish- ermen, or purchasing fish from them, that the said fishermen will not be able to dispose of their herring elsewhere, and will conse- quently starve.

No such grave disaster need be feared, and on behalf of our company, the Atlantic Fish Companies, Limited, I can assure you that if the day ever comes when the fishermen of my native land cannot sell their herring to the Gloucester vessels, we will be willing and ready to purchase every herring caught at Bay of Islands, and pay just as much for them as the Yankees pay.

And I am confident our company is not alone. There are other Nova Scotia firms, purchasing herring at Bay of Islands today, who would gladly buy far larger quantities.

The Americans are not the only people on earth, and the situation does not warrant your cry of "blue ruin."

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,
William Duff.

WESTERN HALIBUT NOTES.

Recent Big Fares—Changes of Trawls and Skippers.

A despatch from Vancouver, B. C., of re- cent date states as follows: An innovation in fishing from this port was made recently by the steamer Manhattan, of the New Eng- land Fish Company, prior to her departure for the northern halibut banks. About five hundred yards from the company's wharf the steamer let down some nets and every time the same were hauled in thousands of small fish were brought up. They were dumped into the hold and will be used for baiting purposes.

The fishing steamer Kingfisher, of the New England Fish Company, has returned from the northern halibut banks with 160,- 000 lbs. of halibut. The fish were of the average size and were caught mostly in deep water. Eighty tons of fish at this time of the year, when storms are ever frequent on the waters, is an exceedingly good catch, and the Kingfisher is nearing the standard set by the New England, which has been leading the other steamers all summer and fall.

The fish were caught in Dixon entrance and on Virago sound. Strong gales from the southeast alternated with heavy rains, and throughout the trip the steamer experi- enced boisterous weather.

The steamer Celestial Empire has left for the northern halibut grounds. The Vancon- ver steamer is now equipped with six dories and one trawl. The trawling apparatus which still remains, pending the steamer's first trial with dories, is on the starboard side. This trip both systems will be used. Besides being supplied with new dories, the steamer now sports a first class pilot house, which will be of great comfort to her naviga- tors during stormy weather.

Captain Johnson has resigned the captain- cy of the Celestial Empire and she is now in command of Captain Freeman, formerly of New England. Captain Olsen, for some time captain of the Puget Sound halibut fish- ing steamer San Juan, will take charge of the New England.

Captain Gosse, who was formerly the com- mander of the ferry steamer North Vancon- ver and latterly of the St. George, has re- signed as master of the trawler Flamingo, and his place will be taken by Captain Dawe, now pilot of the Kingfisher.

The steamer Flamingo is exchanging her trawling gear for dories at the New England Fish Company's wharf. at Vancouver.

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Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore,
Sch. Hortense, shore.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore.

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Boston.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 4000 haddock.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Actor, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Motor, 4000 cod.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 900 hake, 2000 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Georgianna, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. James S. Steele, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Yankee, 12,000 cod.

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STRUCK HARD WEATHER.

Big Knockabout Returns to T Wharf with No Fish.

The vessels of the haddocking fleet have certainly been up against it the past ten days as far as bad weather is concerned. In that time there has hardly been a chance to put a dory over the side. The big knockabout sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, which went out two weeks ago today, returned to Boston yesterday with no fish. The craft encountered the worst kind of weather and did not get a set. The bait spoiled and the crew had to throw it overboard.

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SPLENDID SCH. ALERT TOTAL LOSS.

Driven Ashore in Gale on Shore of Bay St. George, N. F.

ALEXANDER GRANT, WELL KNOWN FISHERMAN, WAS DROWNED.

Third Time Craft To Be Lost in Newfoundland Herring Fishery This Season.

The splendid sch. Alert, Capt. John F. Vautier, of this port, one of the most expensive fishing vessels ever built, and considered by many as the finest fishing craft on the coast, is a total loss on the shores of Newfoundland, and Alex. Grant, one of her crew is drowned.

The craft, with outfits, was valued in the neighborhood of \$28,000, the insurance being about \$19,750. She is the third vessel lost thus far this season in the prosecution of the Newfoundland herring fishery from this port.

The first news of the disaster came last evening in a telegram to Capt. John Chisholm, owner of the vessel. The despatch was sent from Stevensville Crossing, N. F., a small telegraph station near Bay of St. George, which is on the Treaty Coast. Beyond saying that the vessel was a total loss,

and that Alexander Grant was drowned, no particulars were given, but it is presumed that she was driven into Bay of St. George by the heavy gale of Wednesday and cast ashore at some point on the rough coast there. The fact that one of the crew was drowned shows that the loss of the vessel was attended with dramatic incidents and that the situation must have been a terrible one.

The Alert was a gasoline auxiliary schooner, 145.62 tons gross, 84.04 tons net, and was launched last spring from the yard of Tarr & James at Essex and towed here, where she was fitted with a 100 horse power Standard gasoline engine of the very latest pattern and was valued at about \$28,000.

Although she was very late in starting for the southern mackerel grounds, Capt. Vautier did well and continued to pick up fares, so that at the end of what was the poorest season ever experienced by the New England mackerel catchers found the Alert high line of the fleet.

She turned out to be a splendid craft as regard weatherly and sailing qualities and her engine worked perfectly. Altogether she was the sensation of the year in the fishing

line and all were justly proud of her.

About the middle of November she began to fit out for a frozen herring trip to Bay of Islands, N. F., and sailed for there November 22. She was on her way there when the accident happened.

Alexander Grant, the man who was lost, was one of the best known fishermen sailing from this port. He was about 48 years of age, a native of Cape Breton and unmarried. Very few men are there among the vessel owners, skippers and fishermen who did not know "Big Alex," as he was always called. Big of stature, with a heart of corresponding size, this easy-going, good-natured fellow has been almost a landmark for many years.

His strength was commensurate with his great size and he was possessed of remarkable judgment, being accounted by the skippers as "a great man in a hard time." In winter passages to Newfoundland his services were always in demand, and besides this, in his day he was accounted the smartest seine heaver in the New England mackerel seining fleet. His friends were many and the news of his loss will be learned with genuine regret.

This is the third vessel which has been lost thus far this season from this port in the prosecution of the Newfoundland herring fishery, the other two being the gasoline auxiliary sch. Edna Wallace Hopper, one of the fastest sailing vessels ever built for the fishing fleet and sch. Lewis H. Giles, another fine craft, still in her best days. Like the Alert, both were valuable craft, having been kept up in first class shape all the time.

It is no exaggeration to say that the Newfoundland herring fishery of the present season has cost to date, in loss of fishing vessels alone not less than \$58,000, and this is a conservative estimate. It serves to bring to mind an expression, before quoted, from a big vessel owner, "Taking things as a whole, Gloucester has not made a new dollar for an old one in the Newfoundland herring fishery for the past 20 years."

The Alert was insured by the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Co. for \$9600 on the vessel and \$3000 on the outfits and by the Boston Marine Insurance Co. for an additional \$8000 on the vessel.

Stevensville, the place from whence the message was sent, is the settlement reached two years ago by Capt. Vincoet Nelson and others, when their vessels were caught in the ice and lost off Port au Port bar. Capt. William H. Collins, the agent of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company, whose judgment on vessels and accidents is second to none, thinks that instead of happening in Bay of St. George, the loss of the Alert may have happened off Port au Port bar, and that they may have reached Stevensville, as the nearest telegraph station. His opinion is sustained considerably by the fact that sch. Collector of Le Have, N. S., is known to have been wrecked near Port au Port bar during the terrible gale of Wednesday night.

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BOUND TO BAY OF ISLANDS.

Nova Scotia Herring Craft Wrecked in Gale Wednesday.

The Nova Scotia fishing sch. Collector, bound from LeHave for Bay of Islands, N. F., for a cargo of herring, was driven ashore near Port au Port, N. F., during a heavy gale on Wednesday, and will probably be a total loss.

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Steam Trawler Spray Has Small Trip.

The steam otter trawler Spray arrived at Boston this morning, having been out quite a while, with another small trip, having only 9500 pounds of fish.